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June 26, 2002

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 26, 2001. Please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

7. (Twice amended) A mosaic polypeptide comprising one or more antigenic epitopes of each
of the hepatitis C virus (HCV) core protein, nonstructural protein 3 (NS3 protein) and

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